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examination. Replacement sheets for the foregoing claims as amended are also provided herewith.

Claims 1-3 and 8 stand allowed. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has by this paper cancelled Claim 7 without prejudice.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections and objections have been overcome, and requests that the case be passed to issuance at the earliest opportunity.

Applicant notes that any amendments, cancellations, or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such amendments or additions not otherwise explicitly discussed.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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